U.S. Aid Project on Industrial Safety and Health Development

3884. DR. SANJAYA SINH : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether a U.S. AID Project on Industrial Safety and Health Development Programme for industrial labour is being impfemented by Government; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the progress made in this regard till date ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A SANGMA) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The details of the progress made in some of the important activities of the project are as under :

(i) An audio visual studio has been established at the Central Labour Institute, Bombay. An audio visual expert from USA came to India to give conceptual inputs on video film production. Four video films on occupational safety and health, each of about 12 minutes duration, have been produced.

(ii) 19 officers—5 officers in development of audio visual capabilities, 1 officer in the field of library management; and 15 officials in the field of safety audit "Train-the Trainer Programme"—have been trained in U.S.A.

(iii) 8 Training programmes on safety audit and 17 Safety audits have been conducted.

Accidents in Coal and Non-Coal Mines

3885. DR. SANJAYA SINH : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) what is the actual number of fatal accidents and fatalities during the last three years till date in Coal Mines;

(b) what is the actual number of fatal accidents and fatalities during the same period in non-coal mines;

(c) whether any of the mines both coal and non-coal, referred to in parts (a) and

(b) above, were Accident Prone Mines;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) what corrective measures Government have taken/propose to take to ensure safety in the affected mines ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) : (a) and (b) The Number of fatal accidents and fatalities during the last three years in coal and non-coal mines are as follows :

Year	Coal-Mines		Non-coal Mines	
	Fatal Accidents	No. of Persons killed	Fatal Accidents	No. of Persons killed
1	2	3	4	5
1990	151	166	63	76
1991*	146	151	89	108
1992*	168	185	65	76

*Provisional Figures.

(c) and (d) Out of the fatal accidents in coal mines mentioned above, 35 accidents occurred in 19 coal mines which were classified as accident-prone mines. These mines were Mudidih, Moonidih, Kustore, Murulidih 20/21 Pit, Lodna, Tetulmari, Kankanee, Sendra Bansjora and Bararree of Bharat Coking Coal Limited, Silewara, Rawanwara, Rajur and Hindustan Lalpet of Western Coal-field Limited, Jamuna 1 and 2, Dhanpuri Underground and Rajgamar of South-Eastern

Coalfields Limited and Talcher and Deulbera of Mahanadi Coalfields Limited.

(e) The safety provisions as contained in the Mines, 1952 and the rules and the regulations made thereunder are required to be complied with by the mine managements. The officers of the Directorate General of Mines Safety inspect the mines from time to time to oversee the status of compliance with the safety provisions and take action as provided for under the Mines Act, 1952, in case of default. The Director General of Mines Safety also issues guidelines in the form of circulars to the management for improving safety measures.

Revision of minimum wages for construction and Agricultural Labour

3886. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have taken any steps to revise the rates of minimum wage for the construction workers and also for the agricultural workers at the Central sphere during the last 3 years till date; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) : (a) and (b) The Central Government have revised the minimum rates of wages for workers employed in the Scheduled employment of agriculture and construction in the Central Sphere on 12-8-1992 and 14-10-1988 respectively. There is also a provision of Special Allowance linked to Consumer Price Index Number, which is revised every six months. A statement indicating the existing minimum rates of wages including the Special Allowance for the different category of workers employed in the employment of Agriculture and Construction in the Central Sphere is annexed.

Statement

Agriculture

		Area A	Area B	Area C
1.	Unskilled	Rs. 40.93	Rs. 35.93	Rs. 33.93
2.	Semi-skilled/Unskilled Superviser.	Rs. 48.93	Rs. 42.93	Rs. 36.93
3.	Skilled/Clerical	Rs. 55.93	Rs. 48.93	Rs. 41.93
4.	Highly Skilled	Rs. 65.93	Rs. 57.93	Rs. 48.93

Construction

		Area A	Area B 1	Area B 2	Area C	Area D
1.	Unskilled . .	Rs. 26.52	Rs. 24.37	Rs. 21.47	Rs. 19.57	Rs. 18.67
2	Semi-skilled/ Unskilled Supervisor .	Rs 32.53	Rs. 30.33	Rs. 26.87	Rs. 24.97	Rs 23.72
3.	Skilled/ Clerical . .	Rs. 45.17	Rs. 38.92	Rs. 34.11	Rs. 32.86	Rs. 30.36
4.	Highly Skilled . .	Rs. 52.14	Rs. 49.04	Rs. 43.26	Rs. 39.51	Rs. 38.61